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## Note and Comment

The good work goes on. Mr. Todd, the landscape architect who has been commissioned by Edmonton to prepare a general parks and parkway scheme for Edmonton, will include Strathcona in his plans, having been authorized to do so by the council over the river. This is very satisfactory and affords another instance of the necessity of having the two municipalities act together in order to ensure the best results to both. With so much in common and with easy communication, it is hoped, soon to be opened between them, there is no reason why before very long they should not become one splendid big city. In Calgary, also, the citizens have become impressed with the necessity of taking action along similar lines and Mr. Todd will prepare a set of comprehensive plans for the Southern Alberta centre.

Edmonton's municipal affairs will come in for very thorough discussion within the next two weeks. Both the mayoralty and the aldermanic elections will be warmly contested. The spectacular feature in connection with the latter that the week developed was the placing in the field of an east end ticket, consisting of Messrs. Thomas Daly, Dr. McCauley, Cameron Anderson, G. Koermann and W. R. West. There are only four aldermen to be elected but as Ald. Griesbach is a candidate for the mayoralty, the council will have to appoint some one to fill his unexpired term and the practice is to choose the man who stands next in order after the four who win out at the polls. Hence the east enders hope that with five men in the running, they can secure control of the council.

Their grievance is that their part of the city has been sacrificed for the west end. They claim that public works have been delayed on their streets in order that they might be rushed on the other side of First St. Further than this they object to the placing of the incinerator on city property in their midst. Commissioner Pace in reply states that the incinerator is no detriment to a locality and that it would be a great disadvantage to place it in an out of the way spot. As to the allegations regarding the sewerage and waterworks operations, he denies that there has been any favoritism shown whatever and says that the records of the past year show how baseless the charge is. The whole question will undoubtedly be threshed out very thoroughly at the public meeting which will be held in the Thistle Rink on December 5th, two days after nomination.

If the eastenders really have cause for complaint and are convinced that they cannot secure redress by any other means, it is natural that they should adopt this course, especially when they believe that they are a numerous enough section of the city's population to turn the balance. But the tendency to sectionalism which their movement indicates, is in its



W. L. WALSH, K.C.,  
Conservative Candidate in Gleichen.

Will Gleichen do the province a service by sending to the Legislature the nominee of the Conservatives in that constituency? The general elections of 1905 left as the sole representatives of the party in the House, two gentlemen, who while capable of rendering good service as private members, were not in the least fitted by training and experience to fill the post of leader of the opposition, the most important in any legislature under the British crown, next to that of Premier. The situation is full of peril to the province. Will Gleichen relieve it by returning Mr. Walsh? The elections will be held on December 7th and the result will be watched with the keenest interest throughout the province.

Mr. Walsh was born in Simcoe, Ontario, on Jan. 28, 1857. He is a son of Aquila Walsh, who represented Norfolk in the old Legislative Assembly of Upper and Lower Canada, and North Norfolk in the first House of Commons and who was chairman of the Board of Commissioners, who superintended the construction of the Intercolonial railway. At his death he was Dominion Lands Commissioner. The son was called to the bar in 1878 and practised in Orangeville till 1900. In 1890, 1891 and 1898 he was elected mayor of the town by acclamation. In 1890 he was the unsuccessful Conservative candidate for the Commons in Carlwell. In 1900 he went to Dawson City and practised there till 1904, when he came to Calgary. In 1903, though a strong Conservative, he was made a King's Counsel by the Laurier government. His partner, Mr. M. S. McCarthy, is the Dominion member for Calgary. In March, 1905, he became president of the Calgary Conservative Association, resigning the post in August to become president of the provincial association. He is a married man, has two children and is a member of the Church of England.

self very much to be regretted. The system of electing men to represent one particular part of a municipality has proven a curse in other parts of the continent and has been the most formidable of all obstacles in the way of good civic government. Further than this the Saturday News does not for a moment believe that the present council, the commissioners or the mass of the people of the rest of the city wish to do any injustice to the east end and is convinced, that if it can be shown that it has suffered in the past, they will see to it that a remedy is applied. Certainly the action which the eastenders have now taken is a trifle precipitate. Electors should vote for the men whom they believe will best advance the general interests of the city, no matter where he lives or where they live.

The Edmonton council of 1906 is putting the finishing touches on a very important year's work. On Tuesday they decided to submit a bylaw for \$49,000, which will provide for the laying of double street car tracks along Jasper and First Streets at the same time as the pavement is being built in the

spring. They will be put down on a permanent basis with heavy rails, ties laid in cement foundations and rails cement connected. The construction on the rest of the line, when proceeded with will be of a temporary character with a view to making it permanent when the paving system is extended. The idea now is to build a single track from the end of the pavement on Jasper out to 21st street, north from Isabella to Edmonston, by Edmonston to Kinistino and down to Jasper.

The council's action means the definite adoption of municipal control of this utility. The principle has certainly plenty of friends in Edmonton as elsewhere in Alberta. It now remains for them to vindicate the wisdom of the policy which they have urged by seeing to it that the system that the city is to build is administered in accordance with first-class business methods. Only by a more intelligent interest on the part of electors in public affairs will they be able to reap anything like the full benefits from public ownership.

In the department of the Saturday News devoted to the interests

of investors will be found a number of particulars of several projects which have been made by a group of men acting in concert to develop the concerns of Edmonton and Strathcona. They are not at all equally open to criticism. The terms of the proposed legislation are, in particular, in the case of the sacrifice on the part of the municipality. But the principle is the same in each instance and it is too strong opposition to be offered. A free site or a share in the price lower than can be obtained in the open market is a valuable asset to a direct bonus to the city of the places an unfair location of the mass of the ratepayers.

It is perfectly true that under present conditions the municipality, if it does not want to be outwitted by some rival, must make such inducements. The fact is, however, that the price it will have to pay for the land would probably be paid off more lightly in building a better system by these methods than in other places less advantageously situated. But because this is the case, it is all the more important that the municipality should use its influence with the legislature to prohibit the bonapartist system altogether. If this is done, the more industries would be attracted to the city of Edmonton and so would then it would be a great advantage to the present privileged municipalities themselves. The council by Mr. Thompson of the wire manufacturing company is especially significant. It is true that the firm was not hunting for a bonus but that it wanted a franchise privilege that were being granted to other industries. This is a natural but the whole thing is a communication to the city of the most to be made to the city. It is the strongest economic argument that the most to be made to the city system and Edmonton should make the lead in the case of the city.

Camp McKim, near the Cariboo mine, was recently looted to a Phoenix syndicate and the Vancouver World contains an interesting story in connection with it.

The late George W. McKim and James B. McKim, of Spokane, owned a considerable interest in the property at the Cariboo mine. The syndicate cut a road through the mountainside in order to get machinery in, and the men working to work was very heavy, but they were rewarded by the discovery of gold.

In 1898 McKim was estimated to be draining out of the camp about \$80,000 in gold bars, was killed by a mine and armed highlanders and robbed of the wealth. It was long time the affair was wrapped in mystery — many asserting that there had been no robbery. The syndicate finally settled on a former agent of the mine named Roddick, who had been while, had settled in the mine. One day Mr. Keane, the manager of the mine, was notified by Roddick that Roddick had been shot by the men of Camp McKim. The syndicate was

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### About Town.

The reader's attention is called to the cheap trips to England and all points in Europe, advertised by the Alberta Agencies, and special note should be made that they start on Nov. 24th instead of Dec. 1st as formerly.

Fire did slight damage to the home of James Calder, D.L.S., in Strathcona on Sunday night.

A young man who was arrested in Strathcona for frightening young ladies on the streets at night, has been sent to the asylum at Brandon.

A man named Edward Schoefelt is in Strathcona hospital suffering from the effects of an attack made upon him in a hotel in that town with a bottle. His assailant has fled.

The small home of A. Blais on 7th street was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening. Mr. Blais was not at home when the blaze started and it is presumed that a spark from the stove was responsible. There was considerable delay in the arrival of the brigade owing to a wrong connection being given at the central telephone office.

Miss Bingham has sent in her resignation as superintendent of the city hospital, to take effect the middle of December. Her successor is Miss Mary McIsaac, a graduate of Toronto General hospital.

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and seventeen year experienced specialist, as all examinations are made with artificial light the only safe, reliable and accurate method. Will again be at the Windsor Hotel Edmonton, November 21-25.

The Presbyterians and Methodists of Lamont have united in erecting a commodious church building. Premier Rutherford was present at the opening services at the beginning of the week.

Zinn's Merry Musical Travesty Company has been playing all week to large audiences at the Edmonton Opera House, with a new bill each evening. The engagement closes Saturday night. The various operas are given a first-class production, the best standard being maintained, in the opinion of many, yet reached by a company visiting Edmonton.

A. H. Richards and N. D. Mills have announced themselves as candidates for the Strathcona mayoralty.

The city will pay one-third of the cost of paving Jasper Avenue, one-fifth of that of the other streets and the whole of that of street intersections. The estimated amount required for the city's share is \$121,000.

Vice-President Whyte told Mayor Sheppard, of Strathcona, that he thought the high level bridge could be completed in twelve months.

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A. W. Hyndman, late manager of the Royal Bank at Nelson, B.C., will be the first manager of the branch of that institution in Edmonton. He is a brother of J. D. Hyndman, barrister.

E. C. Dobell, for some time past accountant in the Bank of Montreal, Edmonton, has returned from a trip to Eastern Canada. Mr. Dobell has resigned from the bank and will commence in business for himself in Edmonton.

J. W. de C. O'Grady, general manager of the Northern Bank, accompanied by Capt. William Robinson, vice-president, visited the Edmonton branch at the first of the week. Mr. Scott, who is taking Mr. McCarthy's place as manager, will assume charge next Wednesday. On Monday night he will be tendered a banquet in Red Deer, of which he has been a valued citizen for four years, first as manager of the Commerce and later with the Northern.

While higher prices have been refused for other property on First street, the highest actually paid was that obtained this week by Charles McLeod of Red Deer for 90 feet frontage at the corner of Rice street. He received \$31,500 for it. A year ago he made the purchase for \$15,500. The new owner is W. R. McGeorge, who will erect a handsome building.

A party of Winnipeg surveyors returned this week from the west where they have been exploring some timber limits on the Athabasca and McLeod rivers in behalf of a party of Winnipeg capitalists.

The story of the gold find at Birling, near Battleford, is described in some dispatches as a myth. Charges are being made against Hughes, the man who started the excitement, which, if incorrect, should render the papers making them liable to very heavy damages. The North Battleford News in its last issue says that so many conflicting stories are being told, that it is impossible to arrive at the facts. Forty-five C.N.R. officials, it says, had claims taken out for themselves. Some miners flocked in from Edmonton and Winnipeg.

The McLaughlin Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, are negotiating with Lethbridge with the idea of establishing a plant there for the manufacture of gasoline engines. Edmonton men have also been on the alert in regard to the industry, says the Lethbridge Herald.

Two new industries and the enlargement of a third are in prospect for Edmonton. Mr. A. O. Dwyer, an American park picker, has offered to build a plant to cost \$500,000, to the east of the city, provided the city extends its water mains and electric light lines to his property and supply water and light free for five years, after which he would pay the current manufacturers' rate. The cost of the extension would be \$22,500. This the municipality has undertaken to carry out and also to supply water and light at cost.

The firm of Munro Brothers, wire goods manufacturers of Truro and Winnipeg, have written saying that they did not want a bonus but wanted all the favors

the city was in a position to extend in the way of a cheap site and cheap water, light and power. They have been offered the latter three at cost and have been informed that the municipality would dispose of suitable property near the C.N.R. at what it had paid for it.

The Edmonton Brewing Co. proposes to erect a \$250,000 plant. The council has agreed to turn over a site in the Grand estate, which will cost \$7,500, to the company and furnish water and light at cost.

The Bailey Soap Company is asking Stratheona for a free site, 165 by 135 feet, near a sewer and near a railway spur, water at manufacturers' rates, a fixed assessment for a certain period, and a loan of \$10,000, exempt from interest for 20 years. In return buildings to cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 will be erected, and not less than 20 men will be employed, though, at the end of three years, it is stated that 150 men will be employed.

The Lethbridge Herald says that the story of the A. R. & L. railway and coal properties being taken over by J. J. Hill was the result of a joke.

Real estate on Railway Street in High River sold the other day at \$125 a foot.

Judge Kneeshaw, of Pembina, North Dakota, a large investor in Albertan property, is visiting his son, Percy Kneeshaw, of Lake View, near Innisfail.

The pioneer woolen mills of the province, those at Midnapore, six miles south of Calgary, conducted by Mrs. Shaw, have changed hands, having been sold to a syndicate of New Brunswick manufacturers, composed of W. Murray, Gilson Buckham and Thomas Buckham.

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I have served the city two years as alderman at a considerable sacrifice of time from my business, and though I cannot flatter myself that I have pleased "all the people all the time" during my term, still I hope that on the whole my actions have in general met with your approval.

I can conscientiously say that I have in every case done what in my judgment was considered to be for the best interests of the city at large, and have known no such thing as discrimination in favor of one part of the city against the other.

In view of the great undertakings before the city for the coming year your mayor will of necessity have to spend the greater portion of his time in attending to the city's business. This, if elected, I am prepared to do. I am of the opinion that the time has now arrived to build the street railway and think that construction should proceed at the same time as the street paving, and am pleased to state that this railway will belong to the municipality.

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A recent issue of the Melbourne, Australia, Argus contains the account of the opening of an amateur boxing and wrestling competition at Ballarat. The feature of the occasion was an address given by an Anglican clergyman, Rev. T. A. Colebrook, by name. Mr. Colebrook said that when he had been invited to open the competitions a clear-cut issue had presented itself to him—Was this form of sport desirable or undesirable? If it were desirable, then he could have no conscientious scruples in accepting the invitation. He had two or three plain reasons for consenting to be present in connection with a great campaign against a national evil such as was being waged at present. It was natural that every form of sport should come up for public scrutiny. But he who attacked an evil made a great mistake if he tried to kill this national instinct for sport, in view of the free conditions of Australian life. In the long hours of recreation the instinct for sport could not be killed. (Applause.) What then was the best thing to do with this sporting instinct? Desirable sport must be free from the dangers of professionalism. The evils attached to sport were often mere appendages. When great monetary considerations were attached to sport there was danger. This gathering, however, was for amateurs, and was in no way connected with any monetary consideration. Desirable sport must be free from gambling and the conditions, which he held in his hand, said that there would be no betting and he took the word of those who stated that this would be so. There was to be no brutality, for the rounds would be short and merry. (Laughter.) He did not think that boxing and wrestling tended to brutality. (Applause.) Sport should cultivate a good, strong healthy body, and the man who learned to wrestle and to box learned to control himself. An excellent antidote to at least one national evil was a sturdy self-control such as competitors in these contests had to exercise. For these reasons he was pleased to open the competitions. It had been said that he had been raked up to give the proceedings a little tone, but he, thought a parson was not such a green sucker as that. (Loud Applause.)

Mr. Colebrook's example is worthy of extended imitation.

There are so many degrading tendencies in athletics and when properly conducted they do minister to such a distinct need on the part of virile young humanity that for the clergy to stand altogether aloof is to do the greatest harm.

A man who held a prominent place some years ago in English cricket is now a resident of Medicine Hat. One of the cricket anecdotes of A. A. Lilley, now run in an English magazine has reference to him. It is as follows: A very good store used to be told by Joseph Cannon, the Newmarket trainer, about a match which took place between Danebury and the neighboring village of Wallop, at the conclusion of the Stockbridge races many years ago. Among the company at the races were W. G., E. M. and G. F. Grace and their cousin, W. R. Gilbert, all then members of the Gloucestershire team. Tom Cannon immediately conceived the idea of getting in a good blow at Wallop, so he persuaded the distinguished visitors to stay over a few days and promised them the luxury of a cricket match. Without disclosing the names of his guests, he wrote a most artless letter to Wallop, saying casually, "I have a few friends staying with me, but am afraid they are not of much use. Still, that will not matter, and no doubt we shall have an enjoyable game." Tom and Joe Cannon had visions of the Wallop men spending a long and tiring day in the field. Wallop arrived in force and W. G. and M. E. went in first for Danebury. The third ball clean bowled W. G., G. F. soon followed, and a minute or two later F. M., who was then associated with Gilbert, was run out. Gilbert was caught and before lunch time Wallop had got Danebury out for less than fifty runs! Wallop then just headed their opponents' total. W. G. and E. M. gave Wallop a great deal of running in the second innings, but the match was not finished and so Wallop won on the first innings. It was a bitter blow to the Cannons and to the Danebury team in general.

It is proposed to form a Crow's Nest Pass hockey league including all the towns from McLeod to Moxyie, with an eastern and western division.

Curlers are organizing throughout the province. The Edmonton club officers have not yet given up hope of securing quarters for the season's play and some definite arrangements may be concluded before long.

The Red Deer officers are: President, A. T. Stephenson, Vice President, W. L. Onimette, Sec. Treas., R. B. Welliver. Committee of management Messrs. Harkness, Scott, and Finley.

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The Saturday News is the only paper in Edmonton which publishes its circulation returns and which invites advertisers to examine its mailing lists and its returns of street and news stand sales, in order that they may satisfy themselves as to the correctness of the figures which appear weekly at the head of this column.

Even in the days when its number of bona fide subscribers was small, its management established this practice believing that by taking those from whom it solicited business fully into its confidence and giving them the opportunity of seeing its circulation grow, it would be serving its own interests.

The Saturday News was first issued on December 23, 1905.

Last week 1585 papers were distributed to bona fide subscribers.

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### Edmonton's Hinterland Ten Years Hence.

Applications continue to be made at Ottawa for permission to tap those parts of western and northern Alberta which promise to be productive of so much wealth and which now lie altogether out of touch with the arteries of trade. The Athabasca Railway Co. desires to continue the line which it proposes to construct to Fort McMurray, 300 miles north of Edmonton to Fort Smith, about 300 miles further on. When this line is built it should mean the greatest change in our ideas of the territory that Canada possesses that has been effected since the C.P.R. was completed across the prairies. From Fort Smith there is a magnificent waterway to the Arctic Ocean, a distance of about 1400 miles. The Mackenzie is as fine a river as the Mississippi, the Peace the equal of the Missouri and the Liard a finer stream than any branch of the "Father of Waters." The scenery along the coast is described as of rare attractiveness. Mr. Stewart, the Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, who went over it last summer, says that where the river runs through the mountainous gorges the landscapes compare with anything to be found elsewhere throughout the world. When the railway is constructed to Fort Smith there is nothing surer than that Edmonton will be the starting point of excursion parties to the land of the midnight sun, which will attract people from all parts of the globe. But the tourist traffic which will result will be but a very small part of the advantages which will be reaped from the contemplated development. Right up to the Arctic

Circle, it has been shown beyond the shadow of a doubt that Edmonton's hinterland is a country of great natural resources. For 1700 miles north of Edmonton the climatic conditions are no harder than in long settled parts of Norway and Russia. This is the testimony of Viljalundur Stefanson, of Harvard University, who is now on the Arctic coast on a scientific expedition. Wheat raising in the Peace River country has been demonstrated to be safer now than it was in Dakota in the eighties. At Fort Providence, 1000 miles from the Alberta capital, Mr. Stewart saw fields of fine wheat headed out on July 20th. There are vast stretches of territory available for stock-raising purposes. Within the Arctic circle Mr. Stewart came across large quantities of the finest timber. There were coal outcroppings almost all the way. Gold and copper undoubtedly exist there. The banks of the Athabasca are oozing with tar. The rivers and lakes are full of fish. Ten years from the present a great change should have come over the face of the whole of this part of the continent.

### The Coal Situation.

From all over the prairie provinces requests are coming into Edmonton for coal. In many towns people are actually suffering for lack of fuel. While the local mines are doing everything that is possible to meet the demands, their supply is altogether inadequate. The trouble, of course, arises from the strike in the mines at Lethbridge, which has greatly reduced the output and the Dominion department of labor is making an effort to secure a renewal of the operations with a full staff. The pity is that it was not attempted before. With the experience through which Eastern Canada passed some winters ago as a result of the Pennsylvania coal strike to guide them, the authorities should have been able to appreciate what hardship was likely to result through the cutting off of one of the principle sources of supply in the west and acted accordingly at an earlier date. Incidentally, the situation shows how with the growth of population throughout the prairie provinces what a large field for development there is in connection with the mineral resources in the Edmonton district. The present output of the mines in this vicinity is placed at 700 tons a day. The chances are that two or three years from now that amount will be tripled or quadrupled and the mining industry become one of the city's principal industrial factors.

Elder Hugh Brown has returned to Cardston after two years of missionary work in England.

### Personal.

Dr. McIntyre, M. P., of Strathcona, left on Saturday for Ottawa to attend to his sessional duties. He will not return home for the Christmas holidays but expects to remain at the capital till prorogation.

Deep sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hemmingsen on the death of their six year old daughter, Lillian, which occurred on Thursday last from diphtheria at their home on Ottawa Street.

I. Edwards of the Imperial Bank has been transferred from Edmonton to North Battleford.

Thos. T. Jackson, brother of J. A. Jackson, barrister, Ponoka, who has spent the past five months in the west, has returned to his home in Seaford, Ont.

The Old Timers of Wetaskiwin, have formed an association and held a smoker the other night at which Sheriff Dickson was the principal speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beatty, of the Alberta Hotel, Red Deer, have returned from a visit to Ontario, Mr. Beatty's first in twenty-seven years.

A. E. Pilkie, a brother of the well-known Vermilion citizen of that name, has arrived in that town from New Brunswick and will make his home there.

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### PERSONAL

The officers of "B" squadron, C.M.R., Strathcona, celebrated the King's Birthday by a smoker in the Armory at which about 80 were present. The musical part of the programme was participated in by Dr. Lavell, J. W. Tipton, G. W. Marriott, P. Froome, S. Newman, W. Sharples, A. Davies G. Solld. Major Jamieson presided and also favored the company with an enjoyable reading. "Canada and the Empire" was eloquently responded to by J. R. Lavell, ex-M. P., barrister, Strathcona; the toast of "The Army and Navy and Sister Squadrons" by Major Fremonger and Major Paton and that of "Strathcona" by Mayor Sheppard.

G. E. Fleming of the Merchants Bank on being transferred from Medicine Hat to Maple Creek was presented with a diamond ring and a meerschaum pipe by his friends in the former town; Earl Porter making the presentation.

The death occurred last week of Mrs. Stocken, wife of Rev. Canon

Stocken, of the Blackfoot Indian Reservation at Gleichen. Mrs. Stocken recently sustained injuries in a runaway accident, to which she succumbed.

Prof. Tanner, who has spent some time among the Mormon people in the vicinity of Cardston, and who delivered one of the addresses of welcome when the members of the legislature visited that town last August, has returned to Salt Lake City, where he will practise law.

Rev. J. M. Harrison, of Medicine Hat, has received a call to Wesley church, Lethbridge, to succeed Rev. J. E. Hughson, who goes to King Street church, Ingersoll, the charge to be vacated by Rev. E. E. Marshall, the choice of McDougall church, Edmonton.

The death of John Brown, which occurred as the result of a paralytic stroke on Sunday night, removes a citizen who had had a long and varied western experience. In the early sixties he was prospecting in southern British Columbia. In 1865 he came to Edmonton. Off and on he acted as guide to a num-

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ber of engineering parties. He accompanied Sir Sanford Fleming on his survey of the Jasper Pass in search of a route for the C. P. R. In 1880 he found a partnership with D. S. Curry, of Winnipeg, and opened up a store on Jasper Avenue east, which netted Mr. Brown a handsome competency.

Postmaster May, Grand Master of the I.O.O.F. of Alberta, opened the commodious new Oddfellows' Hall at Innisfail on Tuesday of last week.

Dr. Clendeman went to Athabasca Landing at the first of the week.

S. Tamura, a prominent Japanese merchant of Vancouver, was in Edmonton on Tuesday.

W. A. Buchanan, editor and proprietor of one of the brightest weeklies of the West, the Lethbridge Herald, paid a business visit to Edmonton at the end of last week.

Senator Talbot went south Friday evening en route to Ottawa. He will spend a day or two in Toronto with his son Percy, proceeding to Ottawa in time for the opening of parliament on the 22nd. —Lacombe Globe.

Mr. John Herron, M. P., and wife left on Monday last for Ottawa. They will remain a few days in Medicine Hat visiting their daughter and a short time in Portage la Prairie and expect to arrive in Ottawa a few days before the session opens. —Pincher Creek Echo.

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W. B. Allison, who was recently called to the bar, has become a member of the firm of Griesbach & O'Connor.

### BORN

Robbins—At Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, the wife of Oscar Robbins, (only daughter of the honorable Mrs. de Havilland, late of Guernsey, Channel Islands,) of a son, (Cyril Oscar.)

Wilson—At Lakeside, on Friday, November 9, to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wilson of Pleasant Valley, a daughter.

Cragg—At Lethbridge on Nov. 9th, to the wife of C. C. Cragg, M. D., a son.

### MARRIED

Reid—Tice—At the home of Mrs. Fortune, Lacombe, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. M. White, M. A., B. D., William Morris Reid to Miss Maud Geraldine Tice, both of Stettler.

### DEATHS

Brown—On Nov. 18 at the city hospital, Edmonton, John Brown

Marshall—On Nov. 12, from pneumonia, Harry Marshall, proprietor of the Hotel West, Moringside.

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That flushed her spirit;  
I know not by what name beside  
I shall it call; if 'twas not pride,  
It was a joy to that allied  
She did inherit.

Her parents held the Quaker rule  
Which doth the human feeling cool;  
But she was trained in nature's  
school,

Nature had blessed her.  
A waking eye, a prying mind,  
A heart that stirs, is hard to bind;  
A hawk's keen sight ye cannot blind  
Ye could not Hester.

My sprightly neighbor, gone before  
To that unknown and silent shore,  
Shall we not meet as heretofore

Some summer morning—  
When from thy cheerful eyes a ray  
Hath struck a bliss upon the day,  
A bliss that would not go away,  
A sweet forewarning!

—Charles Lamb.

The other day I stood in a delightful dining room in one of Edmonton's charming homes and gazing around I noted that the series of pictures adorning its walls had all to do in one way or another with one subject, the spirit of good cheer, joviality, good-fellowship.

Over the buffet hung a picture entitled "The Hunt Supper," being a representation of several rubicund, jovial old boys celebrating the event in quite the orthodox fashion, which if you have any imagination I need make no effort to describe. Other quaint old prints had interesting couplets attached bidding the person entering the room to leave dull care behind, etc.

As I looked at them I thought of the faces that surrounded me at the hotels and restaurants during the meal hour, and I wondered if perhaps we had a few similar objects in evidence there, we couldn't bring brighter faces to the table. One thing is morally certain, most people dine far too seriously.

Look around you when you next enter a public hall a manger and its ten to one you won't find two people out of fifty who don't appear preoccupied or bored or as if bolting their food were a tremendously serious business.

Jones is almost showed under the pages of a voluminous newspaper. The stout lady at the next table is fussy and obviously cross. The lean nervous looking man is continually

figuring between courses and the groups of should-be bright young fellows at the table next our particular corner discuss business worries three times a day.

And so the digestive laugh is rarely heard, and the hour which should do much towards brightening us for the serious considerations of the day, only leaves us a bit more dejected, an easier prey for indigestion and all the other ills that stalk in its train.

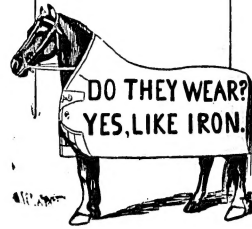
For it is generally agreed that there is nothing better for the nerves, the digestion, the temper and the general appearance than this act of hearty laughter.

Once upon a time folk used to aim at setting the table "in a gale." There were shoals of cheery people who had funds of good stories and there were to be met with pleasant, optimistic men and women who always managed to make conversation of a light, agreeable nature, which, if not precisely brilliant, at least kept their companions from getting doleful. Nowadays however we dwell on diseases, deaths, domestic worries and personal and public woes.

It has been suggested that there should be a general understanding that we never discuss our own troubles or any disagreeable topic after a certain hour in the day, but excellent as the plan would be, should we ever be able to carry it out? Far better is it to encourage the little band who are clearly determined to laugh and grow fat.

That kind of thing is infectious. Two diners out of this description will lighten a whole party. They should be regarded as public benefactors and any man or woman who has a smiling face and does not expect sympathy, should be treated as an honored guest wherever he or she may go. The time may yet come when we shall say, "I have arranged for you to take in a woman who never mentions her servants, her ailments or the fact that she is so rushed with social engagements that she never has a minute to herself."

The French doctors advocate laughing as a tonic, a tip to our own long-faced medical profession, that pills and noxious doses can't accomplish everything. Better that we should be a little silly sometimes than that we should all be as lugubrious as we have grown to be in recent years. Even our young people are deadly serious, and seem disinclined to frivolity or smiles. Something really must be done to cheer us up—so shall a smiling,



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Marion C. Jacobs some months ago had a delightful story in one of the magazines, in which a school boy writes a prize essay on "The Power of Laughter." His effusion is well worth reproducing in this connection.

"Of all things that folks can do to make it pleasant for each other," he wrote, "I don't think there is anything that equals smiles or better yet laughter. And I think, too, we could hardly live without laughing some, though some people do it a great deal more than others. You can express almost any feeling by laughter and you even see people smile sadly—but that isn't the usual way.

"Some laughter is very loud and hearty and makes everybody want to join in. There's sort of a catch in it and a ring in it, that makes you like the person and glad you are there. Those people are often quite fat.

"Some people laugh when they can't think of anything to talk about. I heard one girl say it was a great help when she went to parties and met strangers.

"Between the ages of eight and eighteen girls have a very peculiar kind of a laugh called a 'giggle.' They seem to do it all the time. Doctor Pratt says it's one of the children's diseases. Boys don't do it very much.

"Vain people make several uses of laughter. When a boy gets a new suit of clothes he usually wants to sneak around the back way to church—and sit in the back pew, too, unless he's had a chance to turn somersaults in the garden when his mother wasn't looking. But when a girl gets a new dress she feels dreadful if it rains the first time she wants to wear it; and you don't catch her sitting in the back pew. I've noticed that girls with new clothes on laugh a good deal. People generally laugh a lot, too, if they have fine teeth, unless they have a very, very bad disposition; and I heard Dr. Pratt tell mother that wise women try to keep their faces looking pleasant as much as possible—it makes them look young so much longer.

"Of course it's a great deal nicer to have jolly folks around than sober ones, and you can't be very jolly without laughing. So laughter is necessary to popularity.

"Laughter is sometimes used for discipline. People never like to be laughed at.

"Doctors say laughter is good for indigestion; but I have only heard of one man, outside of variety shows and professional funny men, who laughed on purpose regularly. Well, this man thought he was sick a lot and had an awful bad temper, and his wife got out of patience with him and his boys hated to see him come home. He wouldn't go to see a doctor, so one day his wife made the doctor

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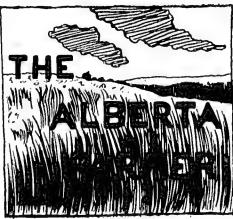
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Mr. John M. Moran, of Fort Saskatchewan, writes the Saturday News as follows:

"Your comments on the farmers' meeting at Lacombe are interesting to read and in the main correct as to facts. You arrive at one or two conclusions that seem to me to be erroneous. With your kind permission I shall venture to point them out to you and your readers, as I do not think you would intentionally do any injury to any such body of men as either the Alberta Society of Equity or the Alberta Farmers' Association.

In the first place you seem to infer from the fact that there was some wrangling that, therefore, no unity could result. Now, I would like to ask how else unity could result than by letting the truths and falsities of both parties fight until the truths triumphed? Wrong always wrangles against right, and if right were never allowed to oppose the aggressor right would soon be exterminated. Again, when a heterogeneous lot like a body of farmers get together it is only by wrangling out the opposing elements that homogeneity can be arrived at. It is only by agitating the sieve that the fine flour can be separated from the bran and shorts. It is only by wrangling at a farmers' meeting, or meeting of parliament, or any other meeting of independent thinking men, that the best views and the best men are brought to the top. The farmers had some hot discussions, and some even personal collisions, but sooner or later they will unite and form the strongest, and, let us hope, the most "equitable" trust amongst the trusts of our age of trust and distrust. Please lend your able mind to bring about the "consummation so devoutly to be wished."

Again you seem to infer that because the officers of the Society of Equity proved, in the matter of diplomacy, not equal to the occasion that, therefore, the Society of Equity in Alberta ought to be abandoned. A little consideration will show you that such an inference would be unjust. It is admitted by all that the Society of Equity is doing more to educate farmers up to organization than any other power in the world at

the present time. Even at Lacombe the objection of the Alberta Farmers' Association was not to the platform, constitution or principles of the Society of Equity. On the contrary it was mainly about the mere word "equity" that the wrangling occurred. I for one (and almost the only one) was willing to abandon that very nice word rather than disagree with my brother farmers of the Alberta Farmers' Association. Still their determined opposition to that word appeared to me all the time to be both absurd and unreasonable. It was insinuated that the word suggested socialism and should therefore be abandoned. Now, it can be proved that the word equity was in use long before the word socialism in its present sense at least, therefore it does not necessarily suggest socialism. And even if it does, surely that is the best argument ever made in favor of socialism. Lots of us know very little about socialism, but if equity forms its foundation it rests on a solid basis. Even the Alberta Farmers' Association would be slow to admit that they do not believe in equity, which means simply justice, impartiality, even-handed action, no matter how much they may be opposed to using the word. It is to be hoped that in the end they will come round even to the use of the word.

And lastly, Mr. Editor, you seem not to have discovered at all that the chief hindrance to union from the part of the Society of Equity was, and is, the suspicion that the Alberta Farmers' Association is merely a veiled form of a political association, and if this suspicion be well founded (and it remains with the others to show that it is not) no man who has the welfare of the whole body of farmers at heart will blame the Society of Equity for feeling averse to the union until the cause of the suspicion is removed.

Yours truly,

JOHN M. MORAN.

With all due deference to Mr. Moran, the Saturday News does not think that his points are well taken. It is true that the wrangling which took place at Lacombe was no absolute bar to a union of the two organizations through the unfriendly feelings as between individuals, of which it was an evidence, was not calculated to increase the efficiency of the new body, if it had been formed. What prevented the union everyone who was present knows. The Alberta farmers insisted that the new society should be strictly a provincial one and not operate outside of

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Alberta. Mr. Moran himself, though a delegate of the Society of Equity, urged the forming of the union on this basis. But he failed to carry his fellow delegates with him. Mr. Keen, the secretary, strongly opposed the view that Mr. Moran had taken and was supported by all except Mr. Moran, Mr. Sutherland and Col. Gregory. When the rupture finally came in the negotiations, Mr. Moran felt so strongly in regard to Mr. Keen's attitude, that he declared he thought the secretary should be impeached for barking the union. Was the neutral observer not justified in view of these circumstances in assuming that he thought the stand taken by the Alberta Farmers was the reasonable one? At this stage there was no disagreement whatever in regard to the name of the new organization. Mr. Keen had suggested that it be known as the Farmers' Union of Alberta. This the delegates of the Alberta Farmers' Association agreed to and no objection to it was raised on either side, so that what Mr. Moran says in his letter regarding the name is quite beside the point, for it had nothing to do with breaking up the conference. Nor can we see how what he describes as the superiority in diplomacy of the members of the Farmers' Association had anything to do with it.

As to the suspicion that the Alberta Farmers' was merely a veiled form of political association, there was no mention of the charge in the speeches of Mr. Moran or any other members of the Society of Equity. It is hardly reasonable for him to place the burden on the Alberta Farmers' Association of

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### The Alberta Farmer.

showing that it is not. It is not the usual procedure to hold a man guilty till he has shown that he is innocent. If Mr. Moran credited this charge it is surprising that he should have been willing to join hands with the body against which it was directed.

Mr. Moran's letter taken as a whole, we believe, gives an altogether wrong impression of what was at issue. "The objection of the Alberta Farmers' Association," he says, "was not to the platform, constitution or principles of the Society of Equity." This is manifestly incorrect. The Alberta Farmers' made it an absolute condition of union that the new body should not conduct its operations outside of the province and thus come into conflict with other farmers' bodies. In reply Mr. Keen said that to agree to this was to abandon the essential principle of the Equity movement. How can it be said then that the Alberta Farmers' had no objections to the principles of the Society of Equity?

We see no reason for Mr. Moran's optimism. The objects of the two bodies are altogether diverse and they must remain apart. But might individuals farmers not belong to both? It is perhaps possible to take part in what it is aimed to make a world-wide movement, and at the same time belong to an organization which restricts itself simply to organizing the farmers of the province, dealing with matters which affect them as citizens of Alberta, and uniting with similar organizations in other provinces to effect some object which requires co-operation. But as far as the union of the two bodies themselves is concerned, if it is brought about, it will simply be when one of them consents to adopt the principles of the other.

F. S. Fish has resigned his position as manager of the Farmers' Association in Ponoka. His resignation is greatly regretted as he has been a most assiduous and successful manager.

From one car of oats shipped by Rice Sheppard, of Strathcona, to the Grain Growers' Association of Winnipeg, he obtained 25 cents net.

The ruling price was 34½¢ and freight and commission charges were 9½¢. His success in dealing directly with the eastern market, will it be believed, encourage many others to attempt it.

The directors of the Central Association of the A.P.A. meeting at Strathcona on Saturday urged the Edmonton council to do everything in its power to secure the proposed pork-packing plant in the city. The provincial convention of the Farmers' Association will be held in Calgary on January 9th.

An interesting sequel to the Lacombe Convention is reported by the Claresholm Review, the editorship of which, by the way, has recently being taken over by a bright young man, who was one of the leading Society of Equity delegates at the Conference, Mr. J. T. North. The Review says:

"A meeting was held by the Alberta Farmers' Association, of Stavelly, Nov. 10th, for the purpose of hearing the report of their delegate, Mr. Rogers, who attended in that capacity, at the Lacombe Convention. Upon invitation, Mr. M. A. Strang, of Claresholm, Provincial Organizer for the Canadian Society of Equity, attended the meeting. In his report, their delegate criticised the provincial leaders of the Alberta Farmers' Association as being more politicians than farmers, and intimated that they had other interests than the welfare of the farmer, and expressed his desire to join the Canadian Society of Equity.

Mr. Strang was then called upon to present the plan of the Canadian Society and after doing so offered to receive the Stavelly Association of the Alberta Farmers in a body upon the payment of the nominal entrance fee of \$1.00 each. The regular entrance fee being \$2.00. This offer was accepted by all the members of the Alberta Farmers' Association present and is an evidence of the popularity of the principles of Equity as held by the Canadian Society."

It will be remembered that Mr. Rogers was the gentleman, who, when the rest of the Alberta Association delegates started to leave the Conference, rose and suggested that the question of union should be put to a vote.

The action of the Equity men in cheering him when he did so was strongly resented by the other side. Mr. Rogers' course is certainly open to criticism. He was present at the meeting of the Alberta Farmers in their own hall at Lacombe, when the decision was reached as to the course which that body was to pursue in regard to the union project. The delegates were seemingly unanimous in regard to it. There

were no dissenting votes at least. If Mr. Rogers did not agree with the policy proposed, it was his place to say so before it was adopted. Instead of doing so, he voted with the rest of the delegates at their own meeting and then in the joint conference broke away from them. Now he goes over altogether to the Society of Equity and takes some of his brother farmers at Stavelly with him. Would it not have been more manly on his part to have made the charges which he prefers against the officers of the Alberta Farmers' Association in the meeting at Lacombe, where they would have had a chance to defend themselves rather in the meeting at Stavelly? A man who would adopt such a course is surely not a safe leader and we trust that the farmers of the Stavelly district who have been guided by him will become fully acquainted with the facts that we have stated.

The Saturday News is in receipt of the following from W. F. Stevens, secretary of the A. F. A.:

The Alberta Farmers' Association aims to aid the farmers of Alberta in every way in which co-operation and united effort can assist them. It is now almost one year old and the time is opportune to look back and review what has been accomplished through its influence.

It was formed by the union of the Strathcona branch of the Grain Growers' Association and the Clover Bar branch of the Society of Equity. On the day it was organized its members besides having to adopt a constitution and elect a corps of officers were called upon to prepare a memorial to present to the tariff commission which sat in Edmonton in December last, protesting against any further increase in custom duties.

In the interests of improved agriculture it undertook the management of the Edmonton seed fair and succeeded in holding one of the best seed fairs in the province, and through the instrumentality of its acting secretary, Mr. Rice Sheppard, it was able to bring together many buyers and producers of pure seed grain and cause the distribution of thousands of bushels of seed among the settlers at a moderate cost.

When parliament announced its intention to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, it sent a representative to Ottawa to present the views of the farmers of Alberta on that subject and it aided materially in se-

curing a special classification of Alberta winter wheat.

In the interests of the swine breeders of the north it instructed its secretary to obtain an expression of opinion from its members as to the advisability of the provincial government's building and operating a pork packing and beef canning plant. Resolutions have been received from nearly all the locals and are now ready to be submitted to the government for consideration.

Through the secretary it has been able to give information and advice which has led to the establishment of three government creameries in the province; and by the same means it aided many of its members in districts where the winter wheat was winter killed, to secure a supply of seed at a reasonable price and without the intervention of middlemen.

As the season advanced and a bountiful harvest became practically assured, the press of the province was filled with reports of a "bumper" crop and one far exceeding anything that had been known before, while the grain dealers by way of variety entertained the farmers with predictions of 15 cent and 18 cent oats for the coming season. The managers of the Association realized that this augured ill for the farmers of the province, and in order to check the downward tendency in the price of Alberta's staple crop, they requested the provincial government to appoint an agent to seek a market for Alberta farm products, especially wheat and oats. The government complied with this request and appointed Mr. D. W. Warner to perform this duty. Mr. Warner did his work thoroughly and well and instead of 15 cent and 18 cent oats, the ruling price is now 23 cents.

Besides the work of Mr. Warner toward the improvement in the price of farm products, another agency contributed greatly to the same end. This is the work done by Mr. Rice Sheppard, vice-president of the Central Association and secretary of the Strathcona local, in securing a loading track on the E. V. & P. branch of the C. N. R., south of Strathcona. This is a great convenience to the farmers in the settlements between the 14th base line and the Calgary trail. It is being taken advantage of by many farmers who wish to ship their own grain and they are realizing from 24 cents to 25 cents

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Nobody should try to force an elector into declaring that he will vote for a certain man. The ballot system was introduced to prevent this. By its secrecy, it was calculated that it would allow people to express their honest opinion as to what is in the interests of the public and free them from the pressure which must necessarily be exerted upon them in the case of open voting. Is canvassing, as we ordinarily know it, not out of keeping with the ballot system? Should we not go one step forward and make direct personal appeals, as well as attempts at corruption, illegal?

While we recognize the need of affording protection of this character, we nevertheless admire those who do not take advantage of it and who are as outspoken in stating their preferences as in the old days of open voting. If a candidate comes to you asking for your vote, and you tell him that you

think he is not the man for the office, he respects you a thousand times more than he does the person who gives him an equivocal answer, even though there is a chance that he may vote as requested. There are some people who go through life always mortally afraid they are going to give offence and suffer accordingly. They are like the dog who runs sideways for fear of being kicked. Technically they are known as trimmers. I heard of one of them once who had trimmed so excessively all his life that he never accomplished anything. He never dared hold a positive opinion or do a positive and downright deed. Finally he came to die and the minister called and talked to him for a long time. Finally the parson said: "Now, John, do you renounce the devil and all his works?" "Oh, sir," said John weakly, "don't ask me that! I am going into a strange country and I don't want to make enemies for myself."

With the two miles or so of asphalt and carbolinum block that Edmonton will put down next year and the boulevards that it is also proposed to construct, the temptations of motorists will be increased to a perilous extent. It is well that the C. P. R. is to be forced to build a subway on Jasper avenue as with a level crossing such a scene as that presented in the accompanying drawing from a recent issue of Life would, I fear, become of frequent occurrence.

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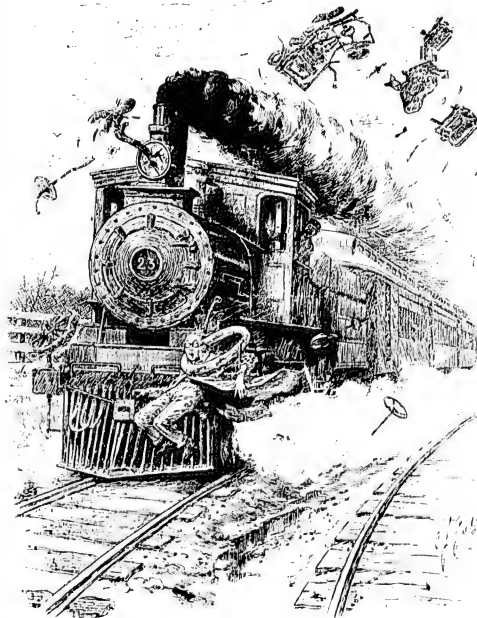
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Mrs. Sanderson in an address to the women of England said: "I am thankful to suffer this imprisonment, because I know it is helping our poor sisters, who are dumb under their suffering." This reference, of course, must be simply to the female inmates of the deaf-mute institutions.

"I had the good luck to be invited to dine with the King at Marlborough House when I was in London in June," said a Canadian who had just returned from an old country trip.

"As I did not know how to dress the part of a royal guest, I wrote to Lord Knollys, the King's secretary, and asked help.

"Lord Knollys said in his reply:

"As no ladies are to be present, trousers may be worn."

When I first read that sentence, I said to myself:

"What kind of Neronic revels go on at Marlborough House, anyway?"

"Afterwards, though, I learned that Lord Knollys only meant that at mixed dinners knee breeches were worn at Marlborough House; at stag ones the ordinary evening suit sufficed."

At the close of the morning service last Sunday those members of the congregation who lingered to exchange friendly greetings were treated to a most instructive exhibition of masculine patience. They saw a man tie a woman's veil. It was a sight worth waiting for. It took him just eight minutes by the clock to do it. The woman was tall and the man was short, and while she bent and ducked he balanced himself on his tiptoes and tilted backward and forward and sideways in his effort to adjust the veil becomingly. At last after much arduous toil he succeeded in draping it to his own and the woman's satisfaction. Then he asked for the pins to fasten it in place.

"Merciful goodness!" ejaculated the woman.

"What is the matter?" asked the man.

"What shall I do?" she wailed. "They are in my month. I can't get them in. You'll have to take the veil off."

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The six year old son of A. Golisch, who lives near Vermilion was accidentally shot by his brother. The bullet struck the younger boy in the left cheek, passed through his head near the throat and glanced from the upper jaw to the base of the skull. In all probability the boy will recover.

The Gleichen election date has been fixed for Friday, Dec. 7; nominations Nov. 27. The nominations are to be held at Gleichen. Jno. Clark, Jr., returning officer.

Just as the day's work was coming to a close at the Raymond sugar beet factory, a boy named McLean threw some water in Randall Alfred's face and Alfred ran after McLean. The latter went in between the belting Alfred followed. He slipped on the floor and fell on the belting and was carried up to the ceiling and crushed to death. Alfred was 16 years old.

### The Saturday News

### Christmas Number

Preparations are under way for the issuing of a very handsome illustrated Christmas number of the Saturday News. It will be, without doubt, the finest publication of the kind ever attempted in Edmonton, both from a typographical and literary standpoint.

No city in Canada has a more romantic past or a more attractive future than Edmonton. Both will be done justice to in this special number in a manner which will make it invaluable as a souvenir. The views which will be presented show the city in all its aspects. The edition will be issued in plenty of time to send to friends at a distance and will be well worth looking forward to.

### Edmonton

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

### Chicago Jubilee Singers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

### Palmatier Sisters

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
November 30 and 31

### New York Minstrels

## The Mirror

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come to see him. Well, the doctor felt of his pulse and looked at his tongue and listened to hear 'Do breathe; and then he said, 'him you know what's the matter with you? You're unhappy.' The man looked yellower and greener than ever, and glared at his wife, and then he said: 'Do you think I'm going to pay you two dollars for that? I've got misery enough.' But the doctor was good-natured and he said: 'You needn't pay me anything if you'll promise, honor bright, to do what I tell you for a month.' 'Well,' said the man, 'I'll hear what you want me to do first.' Then the doctor wrote out a prescription in good plain English, for it didn't have to be taken to the druggist's, and took his hat and went away.

'This is what was on the paper: 'On rising laugh five minutes; after breakfast and luncheon each, laugh ten minutes; after dinner laugh fifteen minutes; and don't forget to laugh just before going to bed.' Well, the man was awfully vexed and his wife and boys felt worse than ever; and they made up their minds they'd just have to let him die. As for the man, he went upstairs and wrote a note, and left it with the doctor's prescription on his wife's dressing table, where she found it soon after. Then he packed his grip and took the next train out of town. What the note said was: 'Fanny, the doctor's right. I'm off for a month's vacation. Be good to the boys and don't get lonesome, John.' At the end of the month he came back a different man and well as could be, because he did what the doctor told him. Now he and his wife and the boys laugh regularly every day, and they are all well and happy, and the man is trying to establish laughing clubs wherever there are eating clubs.

'Of course there are times when people ought not to laugh. For instance, in school when teacher wants it quiet, or at church or a funeral. But it's nice to be happy, and laughing is a good way to show it, I think.'

### HOME AND SOCIETY.

The private gaieties of the past week have been legion, quite everyone seemingly to have taken the notion to entertain all at once. Mrs. Almon's two teas on Thursday and Friday afternoons were both exceedingly jolly affairs, as goes without saying, where such a charming hostess is concerned. On account of the limited capacity of her home, the guests were divided, half the alphabet coming on Thursday and the M to Z's on Friday. This arrangement, far from proving unpopular, gave everyone a chance to sip her tea in comfort and had the further effect of breaking up any little cliques that 'do' the teas, in a circle, so to speak.

On both occasions Mrs. Almon looked exceedingly smart in a most becoming gown of brown crepe de chine, the bodice having a yoke and vest of lovely cream lace outlined and ornamented in gold braid, the sleeves, which were elbow length, with a similar arrangement. Mrs. Rhodes, one of the latest acquisitions to the coterie of attractive women in town, assisted the hostess in doing the honors and

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THE BLUE ROOM

wore a rich black gown relieved with touches of white. In the tea room Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. Edmiston and Mrs. Calderon presided on the first day and on Friday Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Barford, Mrs. Wallace Macdonald and Mrs. Scoble served the tempting dainties while the Misses Bourchier, Woods, Lynch and Kerr assisted. The floral decorations employed were the flower of the hour, the tall and stately 'mum, and the centre ornament held a galaxy of huge pink ones, which literally queened it over the prettily arranged table.

On Friday, Mrs. John McDougall was the hostess of a most enjoyable luncheon, the guests for the occasion being Mrs. Lafferty, of Calgary, who is visiting Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. John McDougall, the recent bride, Mrs. R. W. Day, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. John Ross and Mrs. H. R. Smith. The hostess was handsomely gowned in black net over black taffeta, with some exquisite cream lace on the corsage and gave each of her guests a most cordial word of welcome on her arrival. In the spacious dining room most elaborate preparations had been made for the enjoyment of the little party. The color scheme carried out was red and white, exquisite roses in the above shades intermingled with maiden-hair fern forming the centre of attraction. The place cards employed were of Japanese workmanship, beautifully executed, which the guests preserved as mementoes of their hostess's recent trip through the land of cherry blossoms. After a most recherche luncheon, a delightful hour was spent wandering among the art treasures which Mr. and Mrs. McDougall have been accumulating for years and which they materially added to on their recent tour of the world.

Saturday claimed Mrs. Pardee as hostess at a huge 'tea' which would inevitably have been a crush in any other quarters than the commodious apartments occupied by the Manager of the Bank of Montreal and his little household. The rooms which are to my mind among the most attractive to be found anywhere, presented a brilliant mise en scene about five o'clock when all the ladies in their prettiest chiffons and furbelows and the men in festive attire, had assembled to do honor to the host and hostess and steal an hour from the busy

happenings of the outside world. All women love their afternoon tea and all men love both tea and women, so the hour sped merrily on in the discussion of delicious refreshments and the very latest happenings about town and one bright guest confessed to me that the men could give us aces and trumps and win out at the game of gossip. Be that as it may, it was an altogether delightful hour and many guests lingered till they were in danger of missing their late dinner to enjoy the occasion to the full. Mrs. Pardee was looking particularly well in a soft clinging

gown of pale blue crepe de chine, made with triple flounced skirt and a simply arranged bodice which became her to a nicety. Presiding in the tea room were the hostess's mother, Mrs. Arthur Mowat, one of the most universally loved and popular women in Edmonton, and Mrs. Almon, in a trig brown chapeau, brown skirt and lovely all-lace waist over pale blue. Winsome, dainty Mrs. Percy Hardisty, in a pretty champagne voile gown and smart broad brimmed hat, served the fees from a side table and a trio of pretty girls, Miss Gladys

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Bouchier, Miss Jessie Lynch and Miss Beatrice Beck assisted.

The table decorations were carried out in tones of yellow and green, the centre ornament being a silver fern pot of delicate green, resting in a bed of feathery asparagus fern. At three angles were tall vases of the most magnificent yellow chrysanthemums I ever remember to have seen. Aside from their size and the perfection of their shaggy loveliness the foliage alone was a marvel of hot-house growth. I believe Mr. Ramsay furnished the much-admired bloom and I consider that he has the right to the credit of having evolved such a triumph.

During any lull in the social happenings, and of course everyone simply can't be invited to everything, society folk took an evening off to attend the Roscians attractions at the Thistle. I hear they gave some really first-class things, and did them well, which is indeed a comfort, after what is usually served up. Many theatre parties did the shows in congenial company and the week was the gayest for the break in the monotony.

Monday began a round of small but very enjoyable frivolities. A newly-formed little bridge club had their first meeting and a number of informal dinners kept the ball rolling. Tuesday was quieter than usual, but Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Norquay gave a jolly afternoon euchre which claimed quite a wide circle as guests. Thursday Mrs. Charles May gave an afternoon tea in honor of her guest, Miss Boyd, a strikingly pretty girl of Carberry, Man. The same day Mrs. Harris, of 10th Street, gave a smart little luncheon, and in the evening Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Barford entertained at bridge. Friday, I am hoping, we shall have a rest during the day as there are a great many preparations to be completed for the Cricket dance in

the evening (necessarily I am writing on Thursday) which everyone is looking forward to and which should prove a big success. The decorations are to bespeak the game the dance is given for, and cricket bats and nets are to figure freely in the adornment of the hall. Extra strings of lights will be installed and if everything moves along as smoothly as I anticipate the Cricket dance of 1906 should be one of the red letter dances in the year's social almanac. Here's good luck to them, which they deserve, seeing that they are helping to maintain that high standard of good sportsmanship we all take off our hats to, for it is unhappily the exception, not the rule.

Many callers are wending their way to the Hotel Cecil these days where a number of visitors and newly-arrived are en pension. Mrs. Helliwell, of Toronto, mother of Mr. Harry Helliwell, has been one of the popular visitors at that hostelry, but has since gone for a visit to Mrs. Sheriff Robertson. Later on, I believe, she will be Mrs. Cantley's guest, so we shall have abundant opportunity to make her further acquaintance. Mrs. Calderon is another of the additions to the matrons of the city who is making a wide circle of friends for herself, her bright, attractive manner drawing her a great deal of admiration from Edmontonians, who appreciate cleverness perhaps more than mere prettiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Aylwin returned home on Monday from a two weeks' wedding trip spent in Calgary and the mountains.

The numerous friends of Miss Cameron, circulation manager of the Herald, will be glad to hear that she is convalescing after a serious illness of several weeks. Miss Cameron has returned to her apartments in the McDougall block, and is being attended by Miss Morkin, of Winnipeg. — Calgary Herald.

Mrs. H. W. Blaylock, of Calgary, left for Ottawa last week to be present at the opening of Parliament.

Mrs. Bulyea is expected home on Friday, after a most delightful visit spent in Regina, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Walter Scott, wife of the premier of Saskatchewan. She will be accompanied to Edmonton by Mrs. Scott, who will make her a visit.

His Honor, Lieut. - Governor Bulyea has signified his intention to donate a trophy to be competed for each year by the choirs and musical organizations of the province of Alberta.

The question of forming a Provincial Musical Association has lately received considerable attention and a meeting to consider the question was held on Saturday last at All Saints school room, when Mr. Barford was appointed chairman and Mr. Stutchbury, secretary pro. tem. The first meeting of the committee, consisting of all the choir masters of the city will be held on Nov. 24th at 4 o'clock in Mr. Stutchbury's office, the Bulletin block.

Mrs. W. Robinson and Mrs. O'Grady leave this week for the coast. Captain Robinson and Mr. O'Grady who left on Monday for

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Edmonton will join them en route and will spend several weeks in Victoria and Vancouver. — Winnipeg Free Press.

The ladies of Macleod are issuing invitations for a Hospital Ball, which will be held on the 28th ult.

On Saturday, Sept. 1st, a number of Strathcona ladies met in the town hall, over the River, for the purpose of forming a Hospital Aid Society. Mesdames Tipton, Toll, Crang, Mills, McKenzie, Scanlan, Parsons, Edwards, Cowles, Carmichael, Scanlan and Somersall were present. After considerable discussion it was resolved: That they form a Hospital Aid Society.

The following officers were then elected for the coming year: — Honorary president, Mrs. A. C. Ruthenford; President, Mrs. J. G. Tipton; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. W. Toll; Second Vice-President, Mrs. N. D. Mills; Secretary, Mrs. S. H. Somersall; Treasurer, Mrs. (Dr.) Crang.

The officers were then empowered to draw up a constitution and by-laws to govern the society.

Thursday afternoon found nine tables of euchre devoted, deep in the mysteries of Hoyle's fine old game at Mrs. Norquay's hospitable home on Eighth St., which was en fete with many lovely mums for the jolly occasion. I think there is no game productive of more genuine merriment than the old stand



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by, Euchre, for while it requires no little  
skill it is not, as is the case with Bridge,  
so completely enthralling as to debar all  
conversation. Many close finishes and  
skillfully played lone hands marked  
Thursday afternoon's play, while the  
head table found two invincible players  
stationary until the very last game. Mrs.  
Jackson finally won the pretty first prize,  
the capturer of the booby has, however,  
still slipped my memory. After the serving  
of dainty refreshments in which Mrs.  
Norway, who looked very well indeed in a  
pretty all lace bodice and red skirt, was  
assisted by the Misses Macnulty, daintily  
frooked in white, the guests departed, to  
hurry home to a late dinner.

Among the guests I noticed:—Mrs.  
Ewing, Mrs. Lafferty, Mrs. Cross, Mrs.  
Breithwaite, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Swais-  
land, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs.  
Hislop, Mrs. J. H. Morris, Mrs. Jack  
Morris, Mrs. Williamson Taylor, Mrs.  
Dawson, Mrs. Dr. Harrison, Mrs. Cooper,  
Mrs. Almon, Mrs. Soobie, Mrs. Bown,  
Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Thibault, Mrs.  
John Sommerville, Mrs. Slocock, Mrs.  
Nightingale, Mrs. Helliwell, Mrs. Caut-  
ley, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Stitt, Mrs.  
Short, Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Bower Campbell,  
Mrs. Edmiston and Miss Shipley.

Mrs. Saunders was the hostess of a  
merry children's party on Thursday  
evening, given I believe, in honor of her  
daughter, Miss Marjorie.

Mrs. Cautley, has issued cards of in-  
vitation for afternoon tea on Saturday.

Great preparations have been in the  
making, for a few weeks past for several  
extensive trips to Honolulu, Jerusalem

and other "kindred" out of the way  
places, which several citizens contem-  
plate making. I am told that a little  
party consisting of Dr. Wilson, Mr. Rich-  
ard Secord and Mr. York left on Thurs-  
day for Hawaii and other places of inter-  
est in mid-Pacific, while a number of  
other travellers leave shortly for the  
Holy Land to be joined en route by Mr.  
T. W. Lines.

Such scraps of information as one has  
been able to gather lead one to believe  
that the trip will be productive of a great  
deal of pleasure for the travellers and  
should furnish some interesting topics of  
conversation when they return.

On Friday evening Mrs. Charles May  
was the hostess of a jolly little car-  
party, when Miss Pruyne and Mr. Hal-  
bit won the pretty prizes.

The young people have been having  
quite their share of enjoyment and par-  
ties of late. Mrs. de Wolfe Macdonald en-  
tertaining at a merry party for her  
daughter, Miss Joan, and her girl and  
boy friends on Friday evening. There  
are any number of lovely future "buds"  
among the younger set, and if report  
speaks true they made a lovely picture at  
the dance in question. Mrs. Charles-  
worth and Mrs. Bown assisted Mrs. Mac-  
donald in engineering what proved to be  
a most delightful evening.

They are having gay times in hospi-  
table Lethbridge of late, one of the most  
important social functions being Mrs. C.  
A. Magrath's delightful dance in Oliv-  
er's Hall one night last week. The merr-  
y affair was given for a charming young  
visitor from Macleod, Miss Casey, and  
proved to be one of the most successful  
dances in the town's social history.

On Tuesday evening another successful  
dance in the same ambitious town, claimed  
the cricketers as hosts, and was from all re-  
spects a magnificent triumph for the  
wielder of the willow, as well as a deli-  
cious function for those who attended. The  
decorations and arrangements were most  
artistically carried out and no more popu-  
lar young men are to be found to-day in  
Lethbridge than those fine sportsmen who  
had the burden of the evening on their  
shoulders.

A wedding of much interest to Leth-  
bridgeites was celebrated on Monday  
evening, when Miss Rita Maude Whitney  
became the bride of Mr. W. E. Buchanan,  
of the Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg, but  
formerly of Lethbridge. The ceremony was  
celebrated at the home of the bride, which  
was beautifully decorated for the happy  
occasion.

The splendid sum of \$580 was realized  
at the hospital ball and the members of  
the Women's Hospital Aid wish to thank  
very sincerely all those who contributed  
to its success in any way. Special thanks  
is due Miss Jessie Cameron for her energy  
in disposing of tickets.

The Beaver House chapter of the Daugh-  
ters of the Empire meet on Dec. 1st at the  
home of Mrs. Ferris.

Lady von Haast of Vienna, Austria, is  
visiting Mrs. Dr. Ferris after having  
spent some time with her son, who lives  
at Vermilion.

The marriage is announced to have  
taken place on Tuesday at Biddeford, P. E.  
I., of a popular Edmonton young man,  
Mr. M. J. McLeod, deputy provincial  
treasurer, and a former mayor of Lacombe.

to Miss Daisy Williams. Mr. and Mrs.  
Mr. and Mrs. McLeod will be assured of a  
hearty welcome on their return to Edmon-  
ton early in December.

*Peggy*

### The Alberta Farmer.

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per bushel for good feed and mil-  
king out.

One remark of Mr. Warner's in  
his report on his trip to the coast  
is worthy of especial mention. It  
is that the price per bushel which  
a farmer receives for his grain has  
about as much to do with the gen-  
eral prosperity of the country and  
the promotion of immigration as  
the number of bushels he can raise  
per acre. This is a tenet of prac-  
tically every member of the Asso-  
ciation and we have no doubt will  
be adopted as one of its mottoes.

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